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Inclusion of lands in Kistna Ayacut.

*1005 Q.—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer to starred question No. 458, dated 10th October 1928, and to the supplemental question put by Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar—

(a) what is the correct extent of the lands proposed to be included in the ayacut of Kistna Eastern Delta in connexion with the extension of irrigation facilitated by the raising of shutters of the Kistna Anicut;

(b) whether the Government have passed final orders on the subject;

(c) whether the Government will place the correspondence on the Council table;

(d) whether any special staff has been appointed to fix the lands proposed to be included in the extended ayacut; if so, what it is;

(e) how many acres of lands in each taluk under the Kistna Eastern Delta are proposed to be included;

(f) whether the Government intend to collect any inclusion fees on these lands; if so, how much per acre, and for what purpose; and

(g) whether all the lands now under non-guaranteed wet will be included in the ayacut?

A.—(a) 35,000 acres.

(b) No.

(c) The question will be considered after orders have been passed by Government.

(d) It is proposed to sanction, subject to the vote of the Legislative Council, a special division with two subdivisions to investigate the scheme from 1st April 1929 (one subdivision for each of the Kistna Eastern and Kistna Western deltas).

(e) & (g) The information is not available and can be correctly given only after the special staff has finished the investigations.

(f) Yes. Rs. 25 per acre of dry land, Rs. 12-8-0 per acre of eksal land which has been continuously under irrigation for five years, and more will be collected towards the cost of the works necessary to give water for the irrigation of the proposed short crop area of 35,000 acres.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO:—"With reference to (c), I want to know whether the report of the Chief Engineer will be placed on the table of the House before Government pass their orders thereon."

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"The report of whom, Sir?"

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO:—"The report of the Chief Engineer."

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"There is no report. There is to be an investigation by two subdivisions. Does the hon. Member mean the results of those investigations?"

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO:—"Yes, Sir."

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"After the Government consider the matter, they will consider whether it is to be placed on the table of the House."

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Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" Will it be placed on the table before orders are passed thereon ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I cannot give such an assurance, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know if it is the intention of the Government to take into consideration the fact that the construction of the higher shutters in the Bezwada anicut would increase the supply of water for irrigation, and whether with reference to the altered conditions, the Government propose to increase the ayacut."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I am not able to follow how it is connected with this question."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" I believe, Sir, the question of ayacut has been under consideration for a long time from a date anterior to the fitting up of the higher shutters in the Kistna anicut. The putting up of these shutters has altered the situation. Since the question of ayacut has been under consideration, higher shutters have been put up in the Kistna anicut, and I want to know whether the Government in proposing the extension of the ayacut are contemplating a further addition in view of the fact that a further supply of water has become available."

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Yes, Sir. As I understand it, that is what is going to be investigated."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know the extra cost that would be involved in supplying water to these additional acres of land, whether the Government have calculated it, and whether the Government have calculated what they would get in the shape of this nazarana of Rs. 25 ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I must ask for notice of that, Sir. But I would remark that the payment of Rs. 25 is a voluntary one. If the people do not wish to pay, they need not pay it."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" Will the Government place on the table a comparative statement of the cost and the income that will be realized ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" That will have to be worked out, Sir."

Removal of certain lands in Pedalanka village from the Kistna Eastern Delta Ayacut.

11-15 a.m. *1006 *Q.*—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received complaints that the Pedalanka channel is not being repaired properly by the Public Works authorities in its last portions ;

(*b*) whether the Government are aware that in the village of Pedalanka and other villages a large extent of wet lands has been removed from the ayacut of the Kistna Eastern Delta and that many ryots have become consequently very poor ; and

(*c*) whether the Government intend to assign again to the ryots all the lands thrown into assessed waste on account of the denial of irrigation facilities and include them under the ayacut and supply water to them ?